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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Memorandum from JIC to Deputy Secretary of Defense on "Existing Deficiencies in Present Collection of Intelligence Information"

W. J. [Signature]

1. On Wednesday evening, 2 December 1953, I was directed by Mr. Amory to prepare for your conversation with General Erskine on Friday the attached revision of your reply to the subject paper. I have followed your blue pencilling exactly, except for putting the material in the form of a memorandum from me to you rather than from you to [] and except as noted below. I understand that you will want to leave a copy of this with General Erskine.

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2. Please note that there are two drafts attached which are identic except for their paragraph 6. I recommend you use the first draft because it avoids the possible necessity of laying this paper before the IAC. Having consulted General Samford in his capacity as Chairman of the JIC on an earlier draft as directed by General Cabell, as well as having consulted the offices of the Agency, I can see no useful purpose to be served in placing this before the IAC. If you think otherwise, however, the second memorandum is available.

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Assistant Director
Intelligence Coordination

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